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1. AFTER REVIEWING THE TEXT RECEIVED UNDER COVER OF EUR/WE TRANSMITTAL SLIP OF JANUARY 3, EMBASSY PRECEIVES NO OBJECTION TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON "SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES" RECENTLY FORWARDED BY DOD TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITY, EUROPE (OISE) HAS BEEN CLARIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 5 ANDAPPENDIX C OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, SINCE THIS WILL "LEGITIMATIZE" THE LONG-STANDING EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF OISE IN BELGIUM. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DRAFT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT THE STATUS OF OISE PERSONNEL, WHICH WE THEREFORE ASSUME WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT OF 1952. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, THE NATO SOFA MAKES PROVISION NEITHER FOR TAX FREE GASOLINE NOR FOR EXEMPTION FROM ROAD TAX ON PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES. AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO ATTACH OISE AND ITS PERSONNEL TO THE EMBASSY, AS ARE THE REGIONAL FAA OFFICE AND ITS PERSONNEL. THIS WOULD OF COURSE REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS IN WASHINGTON, AND THE EMBASSY
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AFFILIATION WOULD PREFERABLY BE WRITTEN INTO THE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT.STAUSZ-HUPE

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